

CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN PASTORAL LETTER

Say Rejection of Christ's
Principles Caused All
World's Woes.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—Yesterday there was read from every Catholic pulpit in America the first pastoral letter, signed by Cardinal Gibbons, but coming from all the Archbishops and Bishops of this country, issued for thirty-five years.

The desire of the Archbishops and Bishops is to encourage higher education, in order to preserve the good results of the pupils' study in the elementary schools. With a view to enlarging the opportunities for higher education, the Holy See, at the instance of the hierarchy, established the Catholic University as a center for the schools and colleges.

The letter follows:
"We went into the war and ended it. In any material sense we had nothing to gain. We fought to make the world a better place for all mankind. In proclaiming our purpose we held up our country and its institutions as the hope of humanity. The pledges we gave must be redeemed. As our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV., declares, the American people, retaining a firm hold on the principles of reasonable liberty and of Christian civilization, are destined to have the chief role in the restoration of peace and order on the basis of those same principles, when the violence of these tempestuous days shall have passed."

"Though the war is ended, our country is not yet restored to its normal condition. On every side there is unrest and agitation. The conflict of class with class makes progress impossible. It threatens to undo the splendid things which the union of all our people accomplished. It is importing into our country the very evils which brought disaster on Europe. If America is to be preserved, for its own sake and for the sake of humanity, a remedy must be found for our present situation."

"This is not a time for makeshifts. The facts are before us plainly and roughly. They cannot be set aside with mere expedients or formalities that smooth the surface of things, but leave the virus beneath. Rightly or wrongly, the movements that are shaking the foundation of order come out of men's souls. They embody a demand for right. They may be stayed for a time or diverted, but if, in keeping with American principles, order is to rest on the willingness of the people and their free cooperation, their souls must be reached. They must be trained to think rightly and to do as they think."

"Let us not deceive ourselves in this matter. Ignorance is an evil; as such it must be removed. But it is not the only evil. What we have chiefly to fear is educated intelligence devoid of moral principle—the man who uses his knowledge to abuse his freedom. This is the dangerous type to continue its production or allow it to multiply would not be the part of wisdom."

"The first and most essential lesson in true education is that which the war has taught us. For a long time the attempt was made to regulate human affairs without any reference to God. It was thought that the advance of civilization, the progress of science and the growth of commerce had made the peace of the world secure. Religion was excluded in great measure from public life and entirely from the councils of nations. It was a vast experiment, conducted with all the resources of power and skill. And now see its results."

"We cannot afford to repeat the experiment. If we are to build anew we must build on a sure foundation, not on quicksand. The stone which the builders of the modern world rejected must become again the head of the corner. In the teaching and example of Jesus Christ mankind must learn the way of salvation. There is no other."

"There are many, indeed, who admire the Christian ideal and yet claim that Christianity should be modified to suit the demands of our age. But as these demands are countless and as some of them are openly at variance with the spirit of Christ, nothing will be gained by yielding to them. Too much, in fact, has already been lost in these vain attempts to satisfy the world with a diluted Christianity. In the final issue, not only particular decrees have been set aside, but the central truth, namely that Christ is the incarnate God, has been questioned or denied. Those who regard Him simply as the perfect man, feel justified in interpreting His doctrines according to their particular liking. They may continue to speak of their version as Christianity, and they may find it inadequate in the present condition of the world. But this is no warrant for saying that Christianity has ceased to be a power for truth and righteousness."

"Christianity requires that we accept two fundamental principles as the basis of our human relations. These are the principles of justice and charity. The application of these in private and public life is the first step toward the restoration of peace and order."

"Justice obliges us to give every man his due. Just because he is a man. It prescribes respect for the rights of the individual, of society and of the State. It binds us to the keeping of agreements and to the observance of law. It forbids slander either of a person, of a community or of a whole body, such as the church or the nation. It is intolerance of fraud and dishonesty by whomsoever committed, whether in private transactions or in dealing with the commonwealth. It demands that punishment be meted out with equal hand to all who violate law, irrespective of class, station or influential position."

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The Red Cross seal, which has been the means of support of the voluntary agencies engaged in the fight against tuberculosis throughout the United States for over eleven years, has raised over \$10,000,000 for this cause. In discontinuing its cooperative relationship with the American Red Cross, Dr. Livingston Farrand, the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Red Cross, states that the circumstances make it inadvisable to continue the use of the name and symbol of the Red Cross, but that the tuberculosis seal to be put out next Christmas time by the National Tuberculosis Association will be recognized by the American Red Cross as the lineal descendant of the Red Cross seal.

Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, Managing Director of the National Tuberculosis Association, announces that the sale of seals at the recent holiday will bring in a gross return of somewhat over \$1,000,000, according to present reports, thereby assuring a much larger war against tuberculosis during the coming year than has been displayed in previous years.

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Memorial Service For Rev. Dr. L. K. Probst

Next Sunday morning after the regular service Grace Lutheran congregation will hold a memorial session in memory of Rev. L. K. Probst, D. D., who died recently in Baltimore. He was pastor of Grace church, Fairmont, from 1909 to 1915. While in Fairmont he organized the West Virginia Synod of the Lutheran church of the General Synod.

Rev. Probst was widely known in this section and the indications are that the services will be well attended.

Brief
For the composition lesson the class had been told to write an account of a football match, but one youngster held back.

Finally, in exasperation, the teacher cried:
"Tommy, you have just five minutes in which to write your essay or you will be punished."
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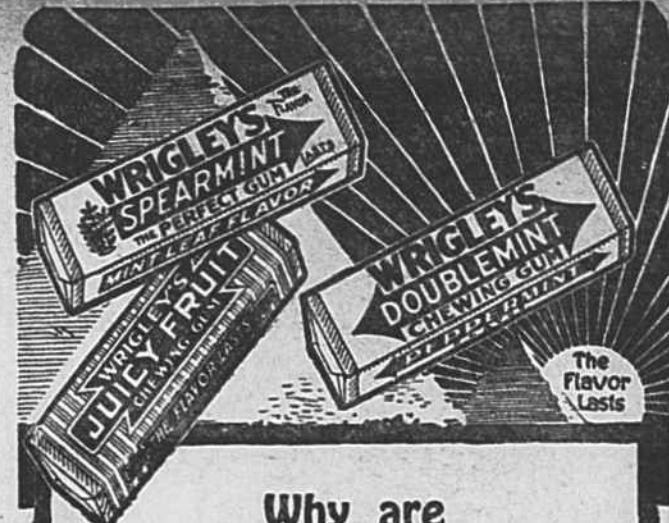
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